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Dear Tracy:

Thanks for your comments on the paper. We just got back from a trip Monday, so Jim and we had to go over them rather hurriedly to meet the deadline, but we have made good use of them. I don't think it is profitable for an author and reviewer to make detailed post-mortems (which is perhaps the main justification for maintaining anonymity), but I hope we will have a small chance at least to get together and talk over the whole problem when you visit us in August.

Some of the structure of the paper should be helped by putting in a paragraph numbering scheme (as an experiment) with which one can easily refer back and forth to the narrative.

We have considered the experiment you suggested (transductional effects on phase/ variation without allelic substitution), but it is rather difficult to measure the rates of phase variation in typical diphasic stocks. Iino has made some progress in this direction recently. The issue is also brought up obliquely in relation to the very sluggish phase variation of certain stocks, which may be due to a modifier.

I am bowled over by the amount of work you must do in reviewing mss. like this, and must confess my own performances in this line are usually much more superficial. Needless to say (and we have said it before) we are very grateful to you for the effort.

See you in August,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg